

What are You Thinking?

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I am very upset about the plan to pit Sean Casten against Marie Newman in the new maps. This ridiculous move is apparently to create a new Latinx District.

You are sacrificing two excellent sitting Democratic congresspersons for this? Many Latinx don't even vote Democratic.

The Sun Times put it this way:

"Let's think about what's about to happen.

Newman, the LaGrange freshman, and Casten, the Downers Grove resident in his second term, were thrown into the same district in order to create room for a second Hispanic district. Both popular, their politics are in sync with Illinois Democrats. Newman is a progressive leader and **Casten is a leader on climate change, his central and defining issue.**

It's certainly an irony that in Illinois, one of the few states in the nation where Democrats are in total control of mapmaking, **the remap will knock out a Democratic incumbent.**

Because of reapportionment based on the 2020 census, Illinois House seats drop to 17 from 18.....According to an analysis shared with me, the proposed 6th overlaps 39% with Newman's current district and 25% with Casten's.

Heads up, Springfield: By setting up a potential brutal, multimillion-dollar divisive Democratic primary in the 6th, you may create an opening for a Republican, that is, if a non-Trump Republican could get through a primary.

The new 6th is one of the least Democratic districts Springfield mapmakers drew."

I urge you to reconsider this foolish decision.

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